

**MINUTES**  
**LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION**  
**TUESDAY, JUNE 27, 2000**  
**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CHAMBERS**  
**FIRST FLOOR, COUNTY-CITY BUILDING**  
**1:30 P.M.**

Commissioners Present: Larry Hudkins, Vice Chair  
Bernie Heier  
Linda Steinman  
Bob Workman

Commissioners Absent: Kathy Campbell, Chair

Others Present: Norm Agena, County Assessor  
Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer  
Dave Johnson, Deputy County Attorney  
Bruce Medcalf, County Clerk  
Gwen Thorpe, Deputy County Clerk

- 1) **MINUTES: Approval of the minutes of the Board of Equalization meeting held on Tuesday, June 20, 2000. (A copy of these minutes is on file in the Office of the Lancaster County Clerk.)**

**MOTION:** Heier moved and Workman seconded approval of the minutes of the Board of Equalization meeting dated June 20, 2000. Hudkins, Heier, Workman and Steinman voted aye. Motion carried.

- 2) **ADDITIONS AND DEDUCTIONS:**

**Approval of 14 additions and deductions to the tax assessment rolls per Exhibit A.**

**MOTION:** Workman moved and Heier seconded approval. Heier, Steinman, Hudkins and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

- 3) **MOTOR VEHICLE TAX EXEMPTIONS:**

**Developmental Services of Nebraska, Inc.  
St. Teresa Church**

**MOTION:** Steinman moved and Heier seconded approval of a motor vehicle tax exemption for St. Teresa Church and also a motor vehicle tax exemption for Developmental Services of Nebraska, Inc. subject to the vehicle(s) being titled and registered to the applicant. Steinman, Workman, Heier and Hudkins voted aye. Motion carried.

4) **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Heier moved and Workman seconded adjournment of the Board of Equalization meeting. Workman, Hudkins, Steinman and Heier voted aye. Motion carried.

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- 2) **CLAIMS: Approval of all claims processed through Tuesday, June 27, 2000.**

**MOTION:** Workman moved and Steinman seconded approval. Heier, Steinman, Hudkins and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

- 3) **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:**

**A. Presentation of the County-City Volunteer of the Month Award to Richard Mason for his services with Lincoln Parks and Recreation.**

**MOTION:** Steinman moved and Heier seconded approval of the County-City Volunteer of the Month Award for Richard Mason for his services with Lincoln Parks and Recreation. Steinman, Workman, Heier and Hudkins voted aye. Motion carried.

**B. Annual Report for Region V Mental Health, Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Program - Jill Rubottom, Program Administrator**

Jill Rubottom, Program Administrator, appeared and distributed the *2000 Lancaster County Annual Report* (Exhibit A).

Topics highlighted by Rubottom were as follows:

- \* Mission and Purpose
- \* Regional Roles and Responsibilities
- \* Network Services
- \* Adult Services
- \* Children's Services
- \* Family & Youth Investment
- \* Region V Behavioral Health System
- \* Population Demographics
- \* Mental Health Funding Request (\$524,417)
- \* Substance Abuse Funding Request (\$222,753)

**MOTION:** Heier moved and Workman seconded approval of the Annual Report for Region V Mental Health, Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Program. Workman, Hudkins, Steinman and Heier voted aye. Motion carried.

4) **PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

**An application for a Class M (Bottle Club) liquor license from Rasmussens on the Lake, L.L.C. doing business as P.O. Pears on the Lake, located at 10005 West Davey Road, in Lancaster County, Nebraska.**

The Vice Chair opened the public hearing and asked if anyone wished to speak in favor of the application.

No one appeared and the Vice Chair asked if anyone wished to speak in opposition or in a neutral position.

Bill Jarrett, Chief Deputy Sheriff, appeared in a neutral position and stated his office was requesting a fence be placed around the area of the beer garden.

Workman stated he agreed with the Sheriff's request as long as it would not be like the one at the P.O. Pears located in downtown Lincoln.

Dave Johnson, Deputy County Attorney, explained that the application, which is currently before the Board, is for a permanent liquor license.

Jarrett stated the applicant should state what type of fencing they would propose. He stated the Sheriff's Office would prefer a type of fencing which officers could see through.

Johnson suggested that the applicant be notified to attend the hearing on July 11 and that they also be notified of the request(s) and concerns regarding the type of fencing which may be installed.

The Vice Chair noted that the hearing would be recessed until Tuesday, July 11, 2000.

5) **OLD BUSINESS:**

**A permit to construct a 12 inch natural gas main from South 14<sup>th</sup> Street and Yankee Hill Road west to the Lincoln Electric System peaking station on Southwest 12<sup>th</sup> Street. The pipeline will cross Wilderness Park and occupy portions of County road right-of-way. (C-00-306)**

**MOTION:** Steinman moved and Heier seconded approval. Steinman, Workman, Hudkins and Heier voted aye. Motion carried.

6) **NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. A program agreement with the State of Nebraska, Department of Roads for federal aid in bridge construction; Project BR-3300(2), Roca Northwest. The estimated cost to the County is \$141,080 and the State share is zero to ten percent. (C-00-309)**

**MOTION:** Steinman moved and Workman seconded approval. Heier, Workman, Hudkins and Steinman voted aye. Motion carried.

**B. Referee agreements for the 2000 Lancaster County Board of Equalization real estate valuation protests.**

The Clerk read the following names into the record who have contracted with the County to act as "referee" during Board of Equalization real estate valuation protests:

<b><u>Individual</u></b>	<b><u>Hourly Rate</u></b>
Great Plains Appraisal, Inc.	
Gregg Trautman	\$55
Stephen R. Hanks	\$80
Randall B. Wilcox	\$65
Larry Swanson	\$80
Melvin "Mike" Brinkman	\$55
John E. McVay	\$65

Stanley L. Portsche	\$65
Matthew Wilson	\$75
Marilyn Tabor	\$55
Barbara J. Ramm	\$60
Robert M. Ogden	\$75
Robert W. Anderson	\$65
Daniel D. McKenzie	\$55
John R. Layman	\$75
Sally A. Webster	\$60
John Sullivan	\$55
Larry Wrasse	\$55

Dave Johnson, Deputy County Attorney, requested that action be delayed until the Commissioners' staff meeting which will be held on Thursday, June 29, 2000.

**MOTION:** Steinman moved and Heier seconded that action be deferred until Thursday, June 29, 2000. Steinman, Workman, Heier and Hudkins voted aye. Motion carried.

- C. **A grant contract between Community Health Endowment of Lincoln and Lancaster County, on behalf of the Community Mental Health Center, to provide case management services to frail older adults, beginning July 1, 2000 and ending June 30, 2001. The County will receive \$119,647 on behalf of the Mental Health Center. (C-00-308)**

**MOTION:** Steinman moved and Workman seconded approval. Heier, Workman, Steinman and Hudkins voted aye. Motion carried.

- D. **A contract with Gordon Kissel to provide legislative and lobbying services to the County, beginning November 1, 2000 and ending October 31, 2002. The County will pay \$36,000 for the first year and \$38,000 for the second year. (C-00-313)**

**MOTION:** Steinman moved and Workman seconded approval. Steinman, Hudkins, Heier and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

- E. **A contract with Steven B. Blum to provide temporary psychiatric services up to and for no more than seven hours per week at the Mental Health Center, beginning July 1, 2000 and ending June 30, 2001. The County will pay \$65 an hour for the term of the contract. (C-00-314)**

**MOTION:** Heier moved and Steinman seconded approval. Workman, Hudkins, Steinman and Heier voted aye. Motion carried.

- F. An agreement of understanding between the Social Security Administration for reporting social security recipients that are incarcerated at the Lancaster County Corrections Department. The Social Security Administration will pay the County \$200 to \$400 for the service. (C-00-315)**

In response to a question asked by Steinman, Terry Weber, Corrections Department, stated their present computer system can provide them with the necessary reports without problems.

Weber gave a brief explanation of the agreement of understanding stating individuals receiving supplemental or disability income from the Social Security Administration are not entitled to receive those benefits during periods when another entity is providing 100 percent of their care, housing and food. He further stated that the Social Security Administration instituted a program in which an outside entity can provide them with information to enable them in making a determination regarding those benefits.

**MOTION:** Steinman moved and Heier seconded approval. Hudkins, Workman, Heier and Steinman voted aye. Motion carried.

- G. A contract with A. A. Peterson Company for weed control services for the Noxious Weed Control Authority, at rates as listed in the bidding schedule. (C-00-307)**

**MOTION:** Workman moved and Steinman seconded approval. Heier, Steinman, Workman and Hudkins voted aye. Motion carried.

- H. A contract with Region V for services under the Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness. The Community Mental Health Center will provide for the service and the County will be paid a maximum of \$32,500. The County match will be a maximum of \$10,833. The term of the contract is October 1, 1999 through September 30, 2000. (C-00-316)**

**MOTION:** Steinman moved and Heier seconded approval. Hudkins, Steinman, Heier and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

- I. **An agreement with Manpower that the County will provide necessary automobile insurance for temporary employees provided by Manpower. Manpower will be responsible for providing Workers' Compensation insurance for the temporary employees they provide to the County. (C-00-317)**

**MOTION:** Heier moved and Steinman seconded approval. Hudkins, Heier, Workman and Steinman voted aye. Motion carried.

- J. **A resolution authorizing the installation of a "Yield" sign for westbound traffic at the intersection of Southwest 14<sup>th</sup> Street and West Gage Road. (Gage County maintains the west and south legs of the intersection and they will install a "Yield" sign for eastbound traffic at the intersection). (R-00-79)**

**MOTION:** Steinman moved and Heier seconded approval of Resolution R-00-79. Heier, Steinman, Hudkins and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

- K. **A resolution transferring appropriations from the General Government budget to the Register of Deeds budget, in the amount of \$2,050, and to the Human Services budget, in the amount of \$2,000, effective June 27, 2000. (R-00-77)**

**MOTION:** Heier moved and Steinman seconded approval of Resolution R-00-77. Steinman, Workman, Heier and Hudkins voted aye. Motion carried.

- L. **A resolution changing Region V Mental Health Alcoholism, and Drug Abuse Program's name to "Region V Systems", effective July 1, 2000. (R-00-80)**

**MOTION:** Steinman moved and Workman seconded approval of Resolution R- 00-80. Workman, Hudkins, Steinman and Heier voted aye. Motion carried.

- M. **Approval to submit a grant application for the Juvenile Accountability Funds, in the amount of \$299,416. (M-00-51)**

**MOTION:** Steinman moved and Heier seconded approval. Hudkins, Steinman, Workman and Heier voted aye. Motion carried.

- N. **Approval to accept the Joint Budget Committee recommendations, in the amount of \$403,900 for the City of Lincoln and \$1,338,297 for the County, for a total allocation of \$1,739,697. (M-00-50)**

**MOTION:** Workman moved and Steinman seconded approval. Steinman, Workman, Hudkins and Heier voted aye. Motion carried.

- O. A resolution authorizing the installation of "No Parking" signs on both sides of 2<sup>nd</sup> Street from the east line of the alley of Blocks 4 and 9 to the east line of Blocks 4 and 9 in Kramer, Nebraska.**

The Clerk stated that the item had been deferred for further discussion.

- 7) **CONSENT ITEMS:** These are items of business that are routine and which are expected to be adopted without dissent. Any individual item may be removed for special discussion and consideration by a Commissioner or by any member of the public without prior notice. Unless there is an exception, these items will be approved as one with a single vote of the Board of Commissioners. These items are approval of:

- A. Receive and Place on File:**
  - 1. Noxious Weed Control Authority Monthly Report for May, 2000.
  - 2. Lincoln City Libraries Director's Report for May, 2000.
- B. Setting of a public hearing for Tuesday, July 11, 2000 at 1:30 p.m. in the County Commissioners Chambers, Room 112, on the first floor of the County-City Building for a Class E (Beer Off Sale Only) liquor license from Pawnee Lake Marina, located at 3805 Northwest 105<sup>th</sup> Street, in Lancaster County, Nebraska.**
- C. A resolution in relation to County Special Permit 180, Ironhorse Acres Community Unit Plan, on property generally located one quarter mile east of South 82<sup>nd</sup> Street and Pella Road in Lancaster County, Nebraska. (R-00-76)**
- D. A resolution in relation to County Preliminary Plat 00006, Ironhorse Acres, generally located one quarter mile east of South 82<sup>nd</sup> Street and Pella Road in Lancaster County, Nebraska. (R-00-78)**
- E. Renewal of a maintenance agreement for one primary license and three secondary licenses for the County Engineer's ARCINFO software and associated programs, including Network, COGO, TIN, Grid and ARPRS to ESRI of Redlands, California, in the amount of \$9,400, beginning July 21, 2000 and ending July 20, 2001. (C-00-310)**

**F. Right-of-way contracts relating to road improvements between the County Engineer and the following:**

- \* **Raymond A., Billie B. and Harry Leavitt, in the amount of \$207.38, at North 112<sup>th</sup> and Adams Street; Project C.P. J-124. (C-00-312)**
- \* **Nebraska State Historical Society Foundation, in the amount of \$196.33, at North 112<sup>th</sup> and Adams Street; Project C.P. J-124. (C-00-311)**

**MOTION:** Steinman moved and Heier seconded approval of the Consent Items. Steinman, Workman, Heier and Hudkins voted aye. Motion carried.

**RETURNING TO PUBLIC HEARING ITEM 4:**

The Clerk administered the oath to Robert Jergensen.

In response to a question asked by Workman, Robert Jergensen, applicant, stated there is an existing fence, which has been used in previous Special Designated Licenses. He said the picket fence is approximately four feet in height and is approximately 15 feet away from the eating area. He added that you are able to see over and through the fence.

Bill Jarrett, Chief Deputy Sheriff, stated they would look at the fence and bring pictures of the area and fence to the next County Board meeting on July 11<sup>th</sup>.

The hearing was recessed until Tuesday, July 11, 2000.

**8) EXECUTIVE SESSION - LABOR NEGOTIATIONS:**

**MOTION:** At 2:25 p.m. Steinman moved and Heier seconded to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing labor negotiations. Heier, Workman, Steinman and Hudkins voted aye. Motion carried.

**MOTION:** At 3:44 p.m. Steinman moved and Workman seconded to exit Executive Session. Steinman, Hudkins, Heier and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

9) **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Steinman moved and Heier seconded adjournment of the Board of Commissioners meeting. Workman, Hudkins, Steinman and Heier voted aye. Motion carried.

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